

REMARKS

Claims 45 and 48 have been amended. Claims 1-32, 40-44, and 46 stand cancelled. No new matter has been added by virtue of the within amendment. Support for the amended claims appears throughout the specification and in the original claims of the application.

As an initial matter, Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter, i.e., that claims 33-39 and 45-47 are allowable.

Referring now to the Office Action, claims 40-42 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, 1st paragraph, for the reasons already made of record.

Applicants maintain that the subject matter of such claims is amply supported by the specification and that the skilled artisan would readily understand that the present invention describes and is indicative of how the claimed compounds would affect selective apoptosis in a variety of cancerous tumors and conditions in the body. As such, Applicants maintain that the full scope of claims 40-42 is enabled by the present application. However, merely in order to expedite allowance of the remaining claims, rejected claims 40-42 have been cancelled. Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore proper.

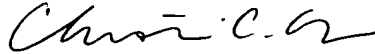
Additionally, claim 45 has been amended to more clearly define the subject matter of the present invention. In particular, claim 45 has been amended to recite: --A method for selective apoptosis in cancerous conditions selected from the group consisting of leukemia, lymphoma, cervical cancer and breast cancer---... Such an amendment is amply supported by the specification and original claims of the application.

Further, the Office Action indicated that claim 48 was rejected “as not provided for by the statute.” That claim has been amended to more clearly define a proper method claim. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are thus requested.

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It is believed the application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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